



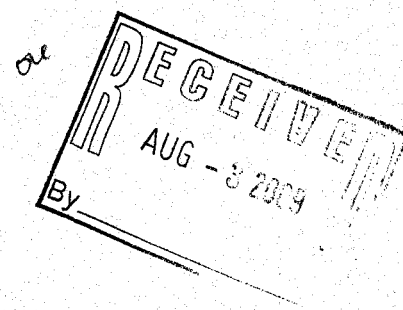
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Re: Docket No. E-01345A-08-0172

Dear Commissioner,

I understand that on August 12th, the Arizona Corporation Commission will be considering a rate case increase for APS (Docket No. E-01345A-08-0172). I am in agreement with reinstating the 1000 foot free line extension policy, and include this provision in all future rate cases. Please help us to support reinstating the free line extension policy.

I work for Shea Homes, the largest privately held home builder in the United States. The following are some bullet points on why the home building industry needs the line extension policy reinstated:

- It is excessive for our new home owners to be paying for a utility company's business development costs.
- Not offering free line extensions is unfair since the person/company paying for the initial extension is subsidizing other people or businesses that will potentially utilize the line extension.
- The economy is in a difficult position, and paying full cost for the line extensions is damaging to our economic growth and slowing development.
- Property values have been hit hard and the line extension costs will additionally hurt property values, which in turn will make it too costly to start developments.
- While there is a short term modest rate cost associated with free line extensions, the long term economic value in terms of residential and commercial development that results in a larger rate base will ultimately provide lower utility rates and costs for both new and existing customers.

Please consider the points, and thank you for supporting the reinstatement of the free line extension policy.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hoffer
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